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SUBJECT: DEFEAT OF MANSFIELD AMENDMENT

1. BY A 54 TO 35 VOTE, THE SENATE REJECTED A TROOP-CUT AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY SENATOR MANSFIELD TO THE MILITARY PROCURMENT ACT. THE MANSFIELD AMENDMENT WOULD HAVE REQUIRED A 125,000 MAN CUT IN LAND-BASED U.S. FORCES ABROAD OVER AN 18-MONTH PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1975. A FALLBACK AMENDMENT WAS THEN OFFERED BY THE SENATOR REDUCING THE PROPOSED CUT TO 75,000. THIS FALLBACK AMENDMENT WAS ALSO DEFEATED BY A 46 TO 44 VOTE.

2. HAD THE ORIGINAL AMENDMENT PASSED, IT WOULD HAVE ESTABLISHED A CEILING OF 312,000 MEN STATIONED ON A TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT BASIS AT U.S. LAND BASES ABROAD. THE

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SENATE MANPOWER FIGURES INDICATED A PRESENCE OF 437,000

U.S. SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN ABROAD, OF WHICH 300,000 WERE
IN EUROPE AND THE REST SCATTERED THROUGH ASIA.

COMMENT: DOD FIGURES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1973 INDICATED
435,000 U.S. PERSONNEL ABROAD.

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